

Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society

斐陶斐榮譽學會

Purpose

The **Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society** aims to encourage scholarship, stimulate research, reward scholastic achievement, and form bonds of intellectual and professional fellowship.

Background

The Society was initiated in China in 1921, at the suggestion of Professor Joseph H. Ehlers of the National Beiyang University. The first National Executive Council consisted of the Minister of Education and the president of six leading universities in China, in addition to Professor Ehlers who acted as the founding Secretary and vigorously promoted the Society. **Phi Tau Phi** stands for **Philosophia**, **Technologia** and **Physiologia**, which collectively represent all discipline of learning.

In the mid-1960's, Dr. Shu Tien Li (李書田; PTP member 1922) and Dr. T.C. Tsao (PTP member 1924), with the support of Professor Ehlers, initiated the restoration of the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society in America and in Taiwan. In 1965, the Society was separately organized in the United States with three regional chapters (East America, Mid-America, and West America). Each regional chapter has its own officers who report to the National Executive Council, which coordinates overall activities. Since 1972, the Society has been formally incorporated in the State of New York as a not-for-profit corporation and has been granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. The Society was also reinstated in Taiwan (initiated by Dr. Shu Tien Li) in the mid-1960's. The Phi Tau Phi members elected by Taiwan Chapter are accepted here in the US and *vice versa*.

Phi Tau Phi East America Chapter

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